



Week ending March 30, 2007

Mayor, Members of the City Council, and the Community Members:

CITYWIDE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

The *Citywide Weekly Report* highlights various activities throughout the City for the week. Consistent with our mission to ensure equal access to opportunity, education, and quality of life for every man, woman and child regardless of their race, religion, age or socio-economic status, this report will work to organize our weekly achievements so that we can measure and maximize our management and performance toward reaching our goals. It is our intent that this report will help to improve communications about the programs and services provided to both the City Council and the community.

Please contact the Public Affairs Department at 559-621-7777 with any questions.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Public Utilities

- The Solid Waste Recycling Program submitted customer nominations for Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 awards, and three of the nominations, OK Produce, Lewis Greene – Fresno Chaffee Zoo, and Linda Nimer – Wawona Middle School, won awards in recognition of their efforts to protect and preserve the environment in 2006.

UPCOMING EVENTS and PROJECTS

General Services

- On Monday, April 23, Joseph Oldham, Fleet Acquisition Supervisor for the Fleet Management Division, will be sharing with Merced County officials the City of Fresno's strategy and successes with alternative fuel vehicles and clean air technology. They asked to hear real world experiences with clean air vehicle technology from Valley agencies as they begin to make decisions on how to comply with current and pending California Air Resources Board regulations. Since Fresno is nationally recognized for its leadership in deployment of alternative fuel and clean air vehicles, Mr. Oldham was requested to speak with the Merced County staff.

WEEKLY NEWS

KEY RESULT AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire

- From April 6 through April 19 at 1500 hours, fire crews responded to 1,220 incidents.
- April 11 - 1315 North H St: A two-alarm fire occurred to the warehouse belonging to Zacky Farm. The fire consumed approximately half of the large brick warehouse and its contents. There were no injuries reported, and this fire is still under investigation.

Police

- On Friday, April 20th, 21 year old Leopoldo Omar Diaz was arrested by Street Violence Bureau detectives in East Palo Alto and charged with the August 23, 2006 quadruple homicide that occurred in Southeast Fresno.

KEY RESULT AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

- The Fresno Film and Entertainment Commission (FFEC) participated in the annual LOCATIONS Trade Show last weekend in Santa Monica. LOCATIONS is produced by the Association of Film Commissions International (AFCI) and is the only worldwide locations event of its kind.

KEY RESULT AREA: EDUCATION

Public Utilities

- On April 12th sixty-six members of Clovis West High School chemistry classes toured the Surface Water Treatment Facility to learn about treated surface water and the use of chemistry in a real world setting.
- On April 14th, recycling information was provided to attendees of the Hot Rod Car Show in the Tower District. A funnel and shop rag was given to people who signed a pledge card.

KEY RESULT AREA: CUSTOMER SERVICE

Public Works

- On April 13, 2007, the City of Fresno participated in a nationwide tour celebrating the disability rights movement and the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

Median Islands

- Cleaned 3.2 million sq. ft. of landscaping
- Sprayed 3.8 million sq. ft. of landscaping

Street Asphalt

- Mill & Pave the Rail Road crossing at Floradora/Cedar and Floradora/Maple

General Services

- This week Facilities maintenance staff is renewing the U.S. flag at the Belmont circle. The flag has been a landmark at the park for years and is being redone in decorative concrete. Also, Facilities electricians started the remodel of the Police Department 911 Center. Staff also completed the repair of lighting at Einstein and Holmes Playgrounds.

Airports

- On Thursday, April 12th, volunteers from the Airports' Department participated in the filming of an updated Passenger Advisory for Security Screening (PASS) film to be customized for use at Fresno Yosemite International Airport. A Spanish version of the film will also be produced and prepared for viewing at regular intervals.

Parks and Recreation

- The Community Science program conducted Family Science Night at Webster Elementary on Thursday, April 12, 2007, with over 250 participants, parents and children engaged in selected science activities.
- Swim Coach Jim Ellis (subject of the film 'Pride' in theatres now) visited Frank H. Ball on Monday April 16th and delivered a speech and engaged in activities with more than 40 local youth in the Neighborhood Parks program. Additionally, the Water Safety Council announced plans to renew their grant donation so PRCS can offer swim lesson scholarships (free lessons) to local youth.
- As of Monday, April 16, 2007, an incredible 900 job seekers have been hired from the October 2006 Mayor's Job Fair.